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**The City of Redwood City presents**  
***Target Family Days***  
**A Series of Free Themed Family Activities on Courthouse Square**  
**in Downtown Redwood City**  
**Sundays 11am-3pm**

Target Family Days, generously sponsored by Target, transforms Courthouse Square into a walkable assortment of themed family entertainment this summer. Featuring Live Entertainment, Street Performers, Cookie Decorating, Themed Face Painting, Hands-on Art Projects, Food, Bounce Houses and more, there will be something for everyone on three Sundays from July through September. Plus, the street will be closed to through traffic, making a stroll along Broadway a fun and relaxing family experience.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wildlife Extravaganza Theme**  
**August 26<sup>th</sup> – Do It Yourself Theme**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – A Day at the Circus Theme**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wildlife Extravaganza Theme**

Featured Activities:

- Curiodyssey
- Native Bird Connections
- Insect Discovery Lab
- Mark and Dre Comedy Show
- California Kung Fu and Tai Chi Institute
- Ballet Folklorico Mexico Vivo

Kids Activities:

- Hands-on art
- Native print rubbings
- Chef Steve Animal cookie decorating
- Paper mache animal making
- Animal themed face painting
- Yummy Food & More!

**Target Family Days Featured Entertainment**

***Insect Discovery Lab***

Explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, tarantulas, walking sticks, whip scorpions and more! Our presenters will introduce you to the extraordinarily diverse world of insects and other arthropods and teach you about their key role in the web of life. Scientific observation, insect identification, and the natural history of bugs' lives are just some of the areas we focus on. <http://www.savenature.org/>

Carnival of Chaos Comedy Productions brings you larger than life comedians, Andrea Terry and Mark Bunnell in “*The Mark & Dre Comedy Show.*” These professional goofballs display their hilarious take on life with witty dialogue, physical prowess and carefully calculated chaos. Specializing in customized scripts and audience participation, these two will ‘wow’ your event whether it’s a dinner show, award ceremony, corporate presentation, theatre show or festival.

What do you get when you combine the fiery feminine presence of a gifted song writer, musician with a world class juggler who holds a masters degree in psychology and family therapy? An extremely funny, intelligent and fast paced comedy stage show with juggling, dangerous stunts, unicycling and musical parody that never lets up. This exciting, high octane variety act is the best in corporate and family entertainment. <http://www.carnivalofchaos.org>

### ***Native Bird Connections***

The birds and people of Native Bird Connections join to offer experiences that go beyond the ordinary, striving to immerse the audience in an intimate view of a wild bird's behavior, life choices and needs. Regardless of age, participants find themselves connecting with living beings through empathy and awe, emerging inspired. Native Bird Connections is privileged to share its educational endeavors with wild birds as their partners. Their birds are the victims of permanent physical or psychological damage rendering them unable to survive in the wild. <http://www.nativebirds.org/>

*CuriOdyssey* brings children and families up close with the natural world. Our mission is to educate and inspire people to take care of the earth wisely. We offer the tools to question and explore our world: interactive science exhibits, hands-on and explorative school and public programs, and up close encounters with native California animals.

<http://www.curiodysey.org>

*California Kung Fu and Tai Chi Institute* promotes both the physical and spiritual growth in our students by teaching both the external and internal martial arts styles. Our ultimate goal is to enhance a student's life through the understanding and application of the values and discipline taught in the Chinese Martial Art styles, traditions and culture.

<http://wushutaichi.com>

### ***Ballet Folklorico Mexico Vivo***

Mexico Vivo is a group of enthusiastic children, youth and adults with too much energy to stop learning, practicing, and sharing our roots and culture. This way we will not allow at any moment to let who we are and what we have in our blood die. All the families in this group are united with the same passion as the dancers, which is to share with the public the pride we have in the Mexican culture and folklore.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ballet-Folklorico-Mexico-Vivo/109688989115437>

## **August 26<sup>th</sup> – Do It Yourself Theme**

Featured Activities:

- Andy Z and the Andyland Band
- Play-Well TEKnologies
- Curiodyssey
- Lego Jeep
- Mad Science Performance and Interactive Slime
- Celebrate Art Now
- Fur Scales and Tales

Kids Activities:

- Hands-on art
- Chef Steve Robot cookie decorating

- Robot themed face painting
- The Pen Car
- Clothes Pin Art
- Pie Plate Art
- Yummy Food & More!

### **August Target Family Days Featured Entertainment**

#### ***Andy Z and the Andyland Band***

Andy Z delights kids and kids-at-heart with his musical adventures. He will have your children smiling, singing and dancing along as he takes them on an imaginary tour of the Andyland Islands. His story adventure performances feature a full host of Andyland characters, traditional and contemporary music plus original songs. Children are drawn in by his use of character voices, puppets and music that runs the gamut from educational to just plain silly; dance songs to lullabies, sing-a-longs to finger plays to full body movement. Genres include rock, British pop, jazz, folk, country, hip-hop, blues, Irish and classic traditional kids' tunes.

<http://www.andyz.com>

<http://www.youtube.com/AndyInAndyland>

#### ***Play-well TEKnologies***

Play-well TEKnologies supplies LEGO®, expertise, and fun projects for kids of all ages. We have been providing Camps & Classes for kids in the Bay Area since 1997. Together we create fun and hands-on learning by working on fun-filled engineering and architectural projects, activities that both the children and the instructors enjoy!. LEGO® projects are easy to build while still allowing for advanced and creative exploration. Our goal is to make sure all participants can successfully complete a project, while having fun at the same time. <http://www.play-well.org>

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#### ***LEGOJeep***

It is always a fun event with the LEGOJEEP adding the sparkle of unique playful interaction like nothing else can. LEGOJEEP has been featured at many birthday parties and events all over the Bay Area such as the Maker's Faire, Hillsdale Mall, Yuri's night at NASA Ames, and so many other unique and wonderful events. Everyone really loves it when the LEGOJeep is there cause it means play and fun at a fundamental level. The LEGOJeep has been seen in the media on CNET, in the SF Chronicle, and elsewhere.

<http://www.legojeep.com>

#### ***Mad Science Performance and Interactive Slime***

Mad Science® is the world's leading science enrichment provider that delivers unique, hands-on science experiences for children that are as entertaining as they are educational.

Mad Science will have a booth at Target Family Days called Slippery Science Center: It's ooey. It's gooey. It's slime! Or at least it is after you mix the two chemicals that put the ooh and the goo into slime! Along the way kids learn about polymers and get to keep their creation.

<http://www.madscience.org/locations/southbay/>

### ***Celebrate Art***

Celebrate Art has a big bright art studio in Redwood City. It is a great place for artists of all ages to get messy and creative. We provide quality creative art experiences for artists of all ages and abilities.

Celebrate Art hosts art classes, parties, playgroups and art camps and open studio adult art nights in our studio or we can bring the fun to you!

Celebrate Art will have free hands-on art stations where you can do printmaking with recycled objects, build paper sculptures and create creature pictures! Stop by the art area to make animal sculptures, nature prints and more!

<http://www.celebrateartnow.com>

***Fur, Scales and Tails*** was created 8 years ago after a handful of Animal loving 1st graders began to ask their old Kindergarten teacher to bring a few of his classroom pets back to school to see everyone. After acquiring a few more Animals, he went from that school to other schools, onto daycares, and finally birthday parties. Thus Fur, Scales, and Tails was born. Over the years we have grown in popularity, variety of Animals, and overall production. Our shows have evolved into highly entertaining events for any occasion. Both Children and Adults will enjoy our shows. We have performed 2,700+ shows in just over 10 years! We guarantee that you will not see a better Animal Show in the greater Bay Area... Our Shows Are That Good!

<http://www.furscalesandtails.com>

### **September 23<sup>rd</sup> – A Day at the Circus Theme**

Featured Activities:

- Trapeze Arts Stage Show
- Happy Birds
- San Mateo County Historical Museum *Victorian Days*
- Circus Bella
- Krystle Tahitian Dance

Kids Activities:

- Hands-on art
- Chef Steve Clown cookie decorating
- Stilt Walkers
- Airbrush Tattoos
- Circus themed face painting
- Yummy Food & More!

### **Target Family Days Featured Entertainment**

#### ***Trapeze Arts Stage Show***

Have you ever wanted to run away and join the circus? Or maybe you've dreamt of flying through the air or swinging by your knees! Well, we have just the thing for you. Since 1994, Trapeze Arts, Inc. has been teaching flying trapeze and other circus arts to adults and children of all ages and is one of only a handful of full time Circus Schools in the United States. We recognize that everyone has the ability to participate in our activities, regardless of size, ability, previous experience or strength. Our students range in age from 2-82! Our mission is to provide an opportunity for any individual to experience and learn aerial and other circus arts in a supportive, non-competitive environment. The goal of this experience is to enrich, enhance and promote personal growth in a safe, fun and friendly atmosphere.

[www.trapezearts.org](http://www.trapezearts.org)

#### ***Happy Birds***

Ed and Julie Cardoza have been performing with their birds since 1989. Together they have performed

thousands of shows in hundreds of different locations. The Happy Birds have been enjoyed by audiences as small as ten and as large as one thousand. Prepare to be amazed by Yah-kee and Korbel, whose performances have been featured on The Tonight Show, Pet Star and The Ellen Show. Their repertoire includes: animal impersonations, singing opera, crying like a baby, and even a song called Clementine! These Happy Birds are loved by children and adults alike! <http://www.happybirds.com>

### ***San Mateo County History Museum Victorian Days***

Celebrate San Mateo County during their annual festival with a stroll down History Lane, crafts from yesteryear and deciding whether local millionaires were Victorian Villains. Make your own flags, rag dolls, boat models, masks, stained glass "windows," and more to take home. Explore the museum and try the scavenger hunt. Costumes from the Victorian era encouraged.

<http://www.historysmc.org/>

### ***Circus Bella***

**Circus Bella** is an open air, one-ring circus featuring contemporary, high-level acts set to an original score performed by live musicians. David Hunt and Abigail Munn created Circus Bella in the spring of 2008 to respond to a shared dream for accessible and high quality circus in the San Francisco Bay Area. Together, with band director / composer, Rob Reich, they assembled themselves into an ensemble company of 9 performing artists and a quartet of musicians. Our mission is to create a one-ring circus that uplifts diverse audiences, engages community, and challenges its artists. We put homegrown circus back into the ring, creating productions that are accessible, festive, and inspiring. The company operates as a director led ensemble that strives to uphold leadership practices that maintain business, creative, and interpersonal integrity. Circus Bella values the work of its artists and believes this should be reflected in respect and monetary compensation. Circus Bella values the public, our audience, as the ultimate reason for why we exist.

<http://circusbella.com>

***Krystle's Tahitian Dancers*** perform the dances of Tahiti to share in the beauty and art of Tahitian culture, dance and music. They are based in Redwood City and give regular classes and performances.

<http://www.modernesian.com>

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## **Target Family Days on Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway 11am – 3pm**

### **Each Target Family Day includes:**

- Cultural Food
- Honest Tea Sampling
- Hands-on cookie decorating with Chef Steve
- Themed Face Painting
- Hands-on Art Stations with FREE projects!
- Bounce House
- Inflatable Slide

More information at: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/targetfamilydays.htm>

### **More Events at Downtown Redwood City's 2012 Summer Series**

Along with Target Family Days, other exciting FREE evening events include: Movies on the Square on Thursdays, Music on the Square on Fridays, Dancing on the Square on Tuesdays, and Downtown Jazz on Mondays. Other ongoing events in the coming months include special outdoor exhibits featuring Art on the Square and Shakespeare in the Park.

Full details at [www.redwoodcityevents.com](http://www.redwoodcityevents.com)

These free events, occurring throughout the summer, are sponsored by the Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, which provides recreational facilities and activities for all ages and interests, and supplies building and custodial services for City buildings. Redwood City Parks also operates the Fair Oaks Community Center, providing social, educational, and cultural activities, as well as information, referral, and counseling services to persons living in Redwood City and neighboring communities. Redwood City Parks is more than you think! Its website is located at [www.redwoodcity.org/parks](http://www.redwoodcity.org/parks).

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